Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John C. Cole will retire from the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) on October 6, 2006, after more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated public service; and,

Whereas, John has also devoted 30 years to his country and state through 4 years of active military service in the Air Force, including a tour in Vietnam, and 26 years with the South Dakota Air Force National Guard; and,

Whereas, After returning to South Dakota following active military service, John pursued and obtained a Civil Engineering Degree from South Dakota State University in 1975 and began his career with the DOT working as a design engineer, squad leader, bridge construction engineer and as chief bridge engineer for the past 12 years; and,

Whereas, John's career involved the challenges associated with planning, design and reconstruction on many major structures, including the Missouri River bridges at Mobridge, Forest City, Pierre, Chamberlain and Yankton; emergency repair of the Platte-Winner Bridge; and numerous studies and alternatives for a Hell Canyon Bridge; and,

Whereas, John's professionalism, knowledge, experience, thoroughness and attention to detail have provided a high standard of leadership in the Bridge Office; and,

Whereas, John has promoted professionalism in engineering as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers and the South Dakota Engineering Society; and,

Whereas, As John retires, he will now have time to pursue his hobbies of flying, photography, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and fly fishing; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2006, as

JOHN C. COLE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State